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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Greetings;

I've been a long time Microsoft developer as well as Java developer. I just don't understand how the settlement in the Microsoft case could have come about in the way that it did to become such an ineffective judgement. It is obvious that Microsoft wields monopoly power over so many areas, and though I do personally benefit from some of their practises, I really think as a whole the population is not. I wholeheartedly do NOT agree with the current settlement in the case against Microsoft. It is too broad, provides no real penalties for their past and present actions and in the long run will be quite ineffective. So please, i ask you to get a different settlement, one that makes microsoft answer for this practises that are harmful to it's own industry and in the long run to the population at large. I don't think we want our tax dollars to have been spent for so many years proving Microsoft's predetory practises, just to have Microsoft continue on with these same practises that they were found of guilty of. Otherwise we have wasted the DOJs time and the taxpayer's (people like me) money.

Thanks Matthew Kirkconnell Ashburn, Va.

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